

A BLOODY BUTCHERY.
The Sheriff and Seven Deputy Marshals killed, and the Judge shot on his Bench.

Fort Smith, Ark., April 20, 1872.—Last winter a white man named J. J. Kesterson was living with a Cherokee wife in the Cherokee nation, about fifty miles from Fort Smith, near the Arkansas line. On the 13th of February a noted desperado, who is accused of various murders, and who is known as Ezekiel Proctor, walked into Kesterson's house and shot Mrs. Kesterson dead. There was no provocation for the deed. He afterwards shot Kesterson above the eye, and escaped. Proctor was put on trial at the court house in the Going Snake district, but it was supposed that he would not be permitted by his Indian friends to undergo punishment. Therefore on April 13th a posse of eleven United States deputies marshals under charge of Jacob G. Owen and Joseph G. Pease, was sent from Fort Smith with instructions to arrest Proctor in case of his acquittal, rescue, and bring him in. The marshals had also warrants for the murderers of United States Deputy Marshal Benz, who were supposed to be in the same neighborhood, where the people shot at deputy marshals almost on sight. The court-house is situated about three miles from Evansville, in the Barren Rock country.

The posse arrived within about fifty yards of the court-house on the 13th, at 3 P.M., dismounted, and walked up the steps. Deputy Marshal Beck stepped to the front door and looked in, where the trial was in progress. The courtroom was full of people armed to the teeth; and he turned away at once, but not before he was fired upon and dangerously wounded. The crowd inside instantly opened on the posse; and almost simultaneously a bullet flew within the room was begun by the friends of Beck, who is Cherokee. In another moment seven out of the eleven United States Deputy Marshals lay dead on the ground, three Indians dead inside, and sixteen or seventeen wounded. The Sheriff in charge of Proctor inside the court-house was instantly killed and the judge on the bench received a load of buckshot in the knee. Of the marshal's force, Deputy Owen was mortally wounded, and James Ward and Riley Woods killed. The names of the others killed have not yet been learned; but James Hawkins, Paul Jones, and Eugene Brackett are among the injured. The murderer Proctor escaped guarded by eleven personal friends.

Deputy Marshal Pease dispatched a note to Capt. Donnelly, chief clerk of the U. S. Marshals at this place, by the hands of a brave young man with three bullets hidden through his coat and one through his boot heel, declaring his intention to stay with the dead and wounded at all hazards. Deputy Marshal Varney and he remained chiefly to take care of Owen, who will die, and these three, with the messenger, are all that are alive of the posse. They laid out the dead at Whittemore's about a mile from the court-house; and when the messenger left them they were looking to him again attacked every moment.

Upon the receipt of this terrible news at Fort Smith, City Marshal C. F. Moore, and Deputy U. S. Marshal Joe Tinkler, with thirty mounted men, immediately started to rescue Pease and Varney. Among the volunteers was Captain Joseph Collins, lately of the third U. S. cavalry, Charles Zengel, Alex Patterson, Tom Weiss, Jacob Oahn, D. S. Winton, Thomas W. Deans, Neddy Bourne, James T. Weilin, and other brave young men. They were accompanied by Drs. Justin C. Field and C. W. Pierce, with surgical and hospital appliances.

Calgary, April 21.—Lieutenant General Sheridan has ordered General Grierson, with two companies of cavalry, to reinforce Fort Gibson and capture and drive out the marauders and marauders in the Indian Territory. It is expected that this action of the Government will restore confidence between the settlers and peaceful Indians on the borders of Arkansas. The fort was abandoned by order of General Pope, but the terrible affray reported from Fort Smith shows the necessity of keeping a force of soldiers in that section.

Senator Schurz has visited the author's office and been informed by the fifth auditor that the government intended to him to the extent of several thousand dollars. What a sad piece of news to his Radical friends! Can't that champion liberal sheet of America, the Missouri Democrat, fish up something else?

Bismarck has sent an ultimatum that the French army be reduced to 22,000 men. He intimates that in case of refusal it will be necessary for Germany to establish a French government which Germany can trust.

The heavier Judge of the Supreme court is Judge Clifford of Maine. He weighs 350 pounds, while Judge Davis, of Illinois, the candidate of the Labor Reformers for President, weighs 280 pounds.

The Scotch appear to be becoming the naval architects of the British Empire. According to a Parliamentary return just issued, there were 46,000 tons more of shipping in course of construction in Scotland than in England.

A statement is published that Professor Morse leaves an estate worth half a million of dollars, all bequeathed to his wife, except one-eighth to pay his indebtedness. After Mrs. Morse's death the property is to be divided among the children.

After an exciting and protracted debate in the lower house of Congress on the 19th inst., the Civil Service Reform bill was recommitted by a vote of 96 to 79.

Dr. Holmes says: "The brain-women never interest us like the heart-women. White roses please less red."

Religion is the base upon which civil government rests—that from which power derives its authority, law and efficacy, and both their sanction.

FRENCH AND AMERICAN WOMEN COMPARED.

[Albert Rhodes in April Galaxy.]

Perhaps the greatest difference between the American and French woman is in the voice. That of the former is pitched in a higher key, is thin, often metallic, and rises at times almost to a shriek. The Gallic woman's voice is more volume, is sympathetic and deeper. A harmonious tone in conversation is cultivated, and there are gentle vibrations in the voice, which exert a magnetic influence when there is a desire to please. It is powerful in declamation, as in the mouth of a Rachel, and soft and winning in the quiet of private life. It is a head voice in America; in France it is from the chest. The nasal sounds, unlike those of New England, come up vibrating from the chest and throat, with strong support from the mouth, and thus modified, are free from the undignified and discordant twang of the latter's costume.

The face of the American woman is more beautiful than that of any other country. It has delicacy of coloring and texture, and fitness and intelligence in expression; but the body supporting the head, regarded from artistic and hygienic point of view, is inferior. For breathing and digesting, the upper part is lacking in depth, and for the functions of a mother, the hips are too narrow. In a word, the American is more fragile, she is hardly a Diana, and the French is something more, although not the Hebe of Rubens. The French woman's face is as handsome as that of any other in Europe, and looks more closely at her own features, and supports the head, regarded from artistic and hygienic point of view, is inferior. For breathing and digesting, the upper part is lacking in depth, and for the functions of a mother, the hips are too narrow. In a word, the American is more fragile, she is hardly a Diana, and the French is something more, although not the Hebe of Rubens. 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